

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Korean patent 10-0278551 ('551) in view of US patent 6,094,103 by Jeong et al.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claim 1, neither '551 nor Jeong et al, teaches or suggests a phase synchronous multiple LC tank oscillator comprising a plurality of oscillator stages configured to oscillate synchronously, wherein the phase of oscillation of each of the plurality of oscillator stages is substantially the same. The Office Action indicated that in Figure 10 of '551, each stage contributes 120 degrees of phase. Consequently, there is a phase difference of approximately 120 degrees between two stages, and the phase of oscillation of each of the oscillator stages is different by approximately 120 degrees. Therefore, the phase of oscillation of each of the oscillator stages in Figure 10 of '551 is not substantially the same. Similar difference in phase of oscillation between stages is present in Jeong et al. Claim 1 is therefore believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-9 depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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